

*Presentation from  
Scient. Eval. Committee*

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- GENERAL OBSERVATIONS:
  - Individuals involved are sincere, dedicated
  - Non-sympathetic management impeded activity
  - No evidence of fraud, deception
  - Topic generates substantial inhibitions
  - Statistical analyses not as important as protocol
  - No meaningful theoretical explanation exists
- CRITIQUES
  - Early work had improper documentation, control
  - Current work is fragmented, has low-budget
  - Management is ambivalent, lacks focus

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- RECOMMENDATIONS:
  - Support research for proof-of-principle only if a credible approach is formulated
  - Do not support scientific understanding until phenomena existence is established
  - Intelligence community can pursue operational investigations if:
    - Monitored
    - Human use requirements observed
    - Adequate controls established
    - SRI dependence phased-out

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- RECOMMENTATIONS:
  - Exploratory work in DoD laboratories should be phased out
  - Private sector research should be monitored and periodically reviewed
  - Central DoD authority should be established
  - Intelligence Community should continue collection efforts to avoid surprise.